

# TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



## GREAT BARRINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes from March 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 Town Hall 6:30 pm

### **Attendees-**

Donald Howe, Chair  
James Mercer, Vice-Chair  
Holly Troiano, Secretary  
Patricia Ryan, Member  
Julie Fagan, Alternate

### **Not Present-**

Abby Schroder, Member

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting opened at 6:35 and called to order by Chair Howe.**

Meeting Notes for the February 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by James Mercer to approve the Meeting Notes as written with a second by Patricia Ryan. All present voted in favor.

Draft Meeting Notes for the April 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Patricia Ryan to approve the Meeting Notes as written with a second by James Mercer. All present voted in favor.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Brownstone Entry Steps at Town Hall-** Ed Abrahams, Sean VanDeusen, Rob Hoogs, Eileen Mooney and Chris Rembold were present for HDC Review again of this proposed work.

Motion by James Mercer to open the Public Hearing with a second by Patricia Ryan. All voted in favor.

Rob Hoogs representing Foresight Land Services presented Drawings and an application for replacement of the Brownstone Steps at Town Hall. The proposed work will include removal of the existing steps, installation of new foundation walls and footings, installation of new Brownstone Threads and Risers along with new Handrails. The side entrance to the Registry of Deeds will be updated. A variance is necessary from governmental agencies to eliminate installing a new ramp which could be seventy feet long or more. The work budget is \$300 to \$350,000 and the Town is looking for funding through a CPA grant.

Motion by James Mercer to close the Public Hearing with a second by Patricia Ryan. All voted in favor.

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Following discussion by the Board, James Mercer made a motion that the Board support the Conceptual Documents and that a ramp was considered as inappropriate. Motion was seconded by Patricia Ryan. All present voted in favor.

Final Drawings with material samples and processes will be coming before the board in the future.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Exedra Seating-** This item will still be carried as a budget item of the HDC.

**Town Hall AC-** Sean VanDeusen noted the Split System is on hold.

**Town Hall Roof-** Sean VanDeusen noted that the Roofing work is set for this Spring.

**Transformer Graphics-** James Mercer noted that National Grid owns the equipment and get their approval for the graphics.

**HDC Procedures and Regulations-** The meeting needs to be set up by the Chair with Chris Rembold and Julie Fagan.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**History Day Project-** Sharon Gregory presented her concept of Fund Raising/Benefit activity for Signage, Map and/or Directory for Downtown Great Barrington which would have an emphasis on Historical Features. Activities could include House Tours and specials/sales by Businesses.

**Mason Library Site-** Holly Hamer was questioning what reviews would be required to install items at the Exterior areas of the Library including possibly a picnic table, a water fountain or a statue of prominent figures.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

Next HDC Regular Meeting will be a Regular Meeting scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6:30pm.

**Motion to adjourn** by James Mercer with a second by Patricia Ryan. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donald V. Howe, Chair

April-20-2018